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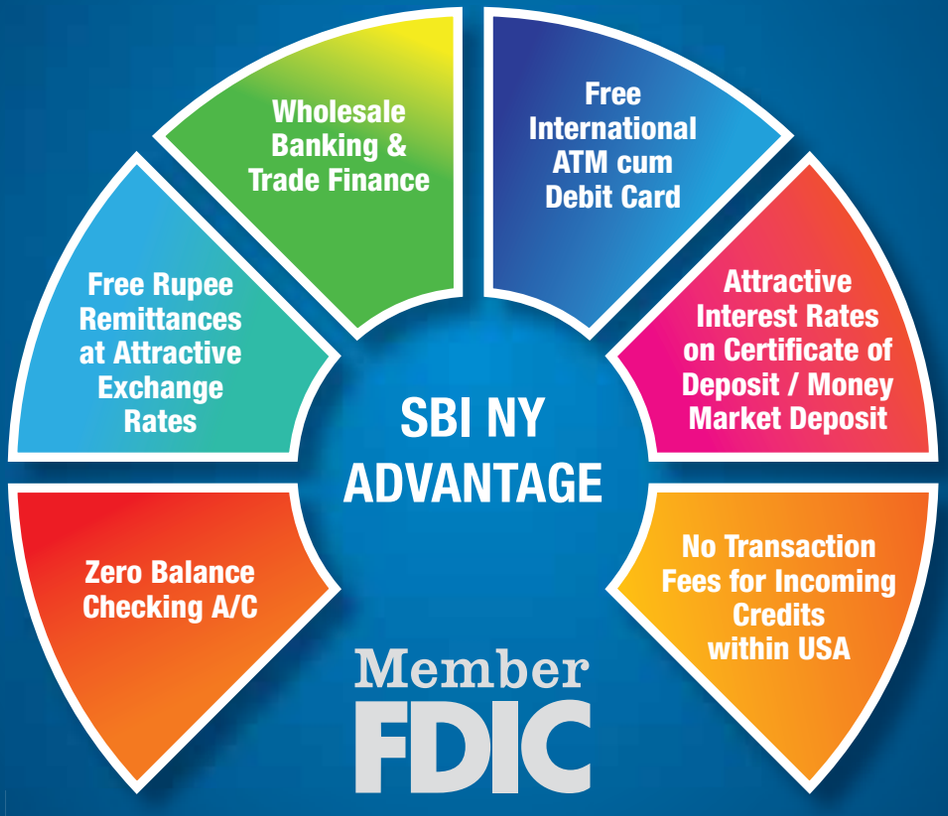
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As he fights for re-election, Mayor Bill de Blasio tells Metro how he will tackle homelessness, fix the subway and keep Dreamers' dreams intact in New York City. 4

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Ahead of today's primary, I spoke with Mayor de Blasio about DACA, Irma, the transit crisis and his run for re-election. While pundits forecast a win to be relatively easy, the job of mayor is not. With millions clamoring for subway repairs, affordable housing, flood resiliency and a solution to the epidemic of homelessness, a second term for the incumbent would be no small task. Check out this exclusive interview and more local stories at **metro.us/newyork.**

TRUMP REFUGEE BAN RULING PUT ON HOLD

1 Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy on Monday put a temporarily hold on limits imposed by a lower court on President Donald Trump's order barring most refugees from entering the United States. Kennedy acted in response to the U.S. Justice Department's challenge to the part of a Thursday ruling by the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that would let refugees from around the world enter the country if they have a formal offer from a resettlement agency. Without Kennedy's intervention, the appeals court decision would have gone into effect on Tuesday. Kennedy's action gives the full Supreme Court time to consider the merits of the Trump administration's emergency request in full. Kennedy asked refugee ban challengers to file a response by noon on Tuesday.

ATTEMPT TO DEFLECT PROBES COULD BACKFIRE

2 Republican lawmaker Devin Nunes' investigation into whether Obama administration officials used classified intelligence reports to discredit Donald Trump's 2016 campaign team could backfire on the congressman — and the president, sources familiar with the reports said. The reports contain no evidence that any aides to former Democratic President Barack Obama acted improperly, the sources said, but they do indicate some Trump associates may have violated an obscure 1799 law, the Logan Act, which prohibits unauthorized U.S. citizens from negotiating with a foreign government that has a dispute with the U.S. The spying reports also are relevant to the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller into conclusions by U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia worked to tilt the election in Trump's favor.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

SOMBER MOMENT

3 A New York City Police Department (NYPD) officer pauses while visiting the North pool during a commemoration ceremony for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the National September 11 Memorial on Monday.

GETTY IMAGES

STATES SUE OVER TRUMP ACTION ON 'DREAMERS'

4 California and three other states sued President Donald Trump's administration over his decision to end protections for people brought to the United States illegally as children, the latest bid by Democratic state attorneys general to salvage the policy. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Trump's move to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that protected these immigrants from deportation and gave them work permits would be "an economic travesty" for the most populous U.S. state, which depends on immigrant labor. Minnesota, Maryland and Maine joined California in filing the lawsuit in federal court in San Francisco. Trump last week said he would end the program, which was created in 2012 by his Democratic predecessor Barack Obama, effective in March.

IVY LEAGUE GRADUATE CROWNED MISS AMERICA

5 An Ivy League graduate and national dance champion from North Dakota was crowned Miss America on Sunday, becoming the first contestant from the state to win the nearly 100-year-old contest. Cara Mund, from Bismarck, a graduate of Brown University in Rhode Island, who has been accepted to Notre Dame's law school, trained for several summers with the world-famous Rockettes. Mund, 23, was one of 51 contestants in the pageant, representing the 50 United States and the District of Columbia. Mund, who adopted the Make-a-Wish foundation which benefits children with life-threatening conditions as her platform for the competition, performed a jazz dance to "The Way You Make Me Feel" for the contest's talent portion, wearing a double-breasted black mini-dress with a matching fedora-type hat.

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While critics may wish otherwise, the oddsmakers concede that de Blasio's performance has been strong enough to merit him a second term.

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Mayor Bill de Blasio's got a lot on his mind.

As Hurricane Irma barreled into Florida just over a week after Harvey hit Texas and Louisiana, Sandy's memory looms, having left parts of the city in disrepair to this day.

"We have an immediate danger facing us," he said, speaking candidly about the unpredictability of megastorms that have pummeled the Gulf and East Coasts. "It's painful we have to be taught by these tragedies."

But de Blasio is prepared with a $20 billion resiliency program shoring up New York City against future catastrophic events. "Every year we're going to get safer because we're going to continue to build out this resiliency plan," he said, pointing to the Rockaway boardwalk that was rebuilt after Sandy as a protective wall for Brooklyn's waterfront. "That 5½ miles is now a very solid physical barrier against flood waters coming in over the course of a hurricane."

Mayor de Blasio greets voters at Pitkin and Rockaway avenues in Brooklyn with Council Member Alicka Samuel. BESS ADLER

"Every year we're going to get safer because we're going to continue to build out this resiliency plan."

De Blasio

And he's not stopping there. De Blasio knows the threat of climate change and has been a staunch advocate for adherence to the Paris Agreement despite President Donald Trump's decision to renege on the deal.

In the Trump era, however, de Blasio is also fighting other battles bigger than the city itself, vowing to do all he can for the city's 42,000 Dreamers who may be faced with deportation after the president's announcement he's ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The mayor says the key is getting lawmakers to pass the DREAM Act, otherwise known as the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, which would ultimately help Dreamers gain citizenship. "We've got to maximize that pressure, mobilizing people in key states and key districts," he said. "If we can solve it legislatively, all game over. That's the best outcome."

And that's the outcome he predicts. With certain Republicans already committed to supporting the act, this could be Washington's chance to move forward after sitting on the proposal for more than 15 years.

When he's not battling decisions at the federal level, de Blasio is pushing for reform in Albany, calling for legislation to address the transit crisis by taxing the one percent for subway repairs. While the plan's been labeled dead on arrival by some, de Blasio says it's "the only serious proposal on the table right now." "That's something that can be acted on right away," he said, suggesting a special session of the legislature be called or that it be passed in January during the reconvening.

On where the burden lies, de Blasio remains firm. "The state needs to step up," he said. "They run the MTA. They've got to take full responsibility."

Homelessness has also been high on his agenda this term with HOME-STAT, or Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement Street Action Teams, a hands-on approach deploying Street Outreach Teams to locate and provide services to those without shelter. De Blasio emphasized this is a structural epidemic without a quick fix, but he's planning for the long term.

"It's a very painful reality in this city because you've got so many people who are homeless right now simply because of their economic circumstances," he said. "It's a long battle. This one will not be easy; this will take a lot of work." The mayor says HOME-STAT has already found shelter and housing for 900 individuals.

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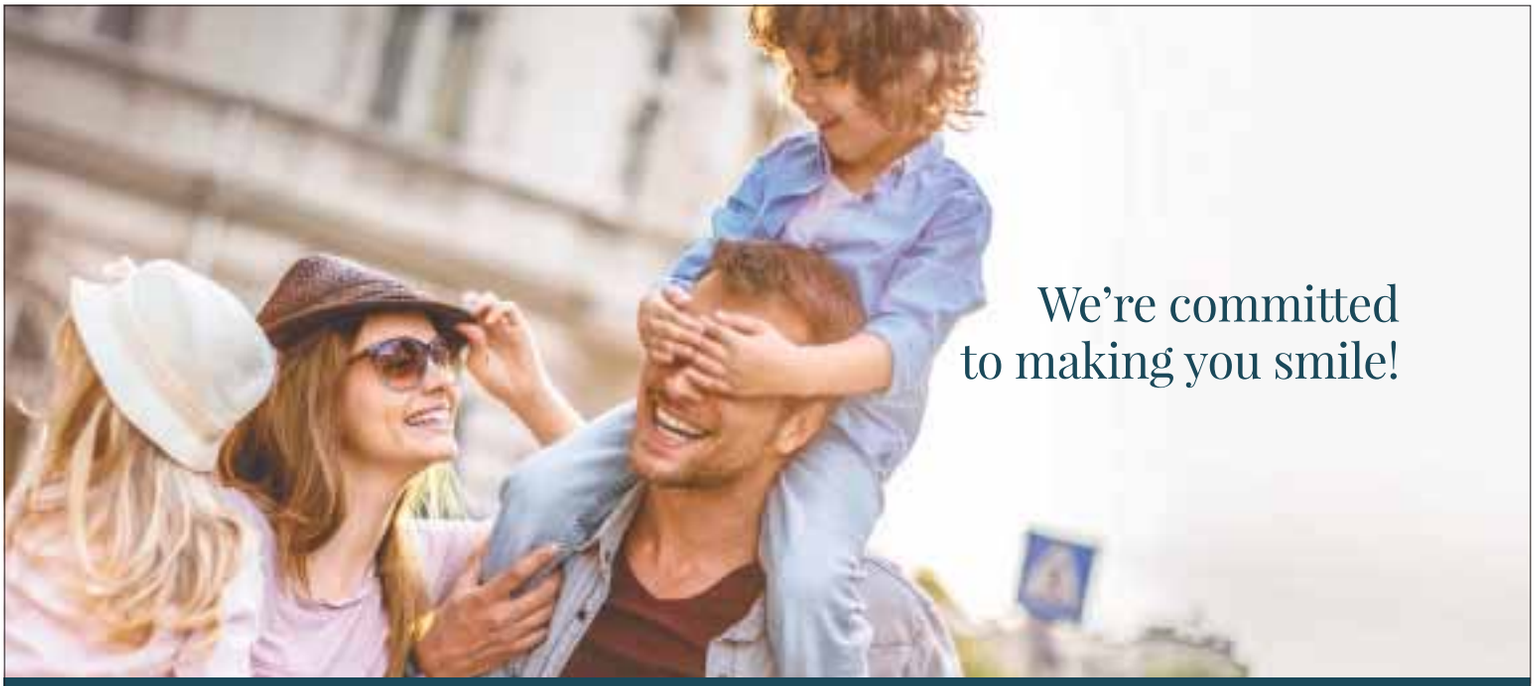
APPROVAL RATINGS

New Yorkers are tough to satisfy

While de Blasio's 50 percent approval rating has been called a sign of voter ambivalence about the mayor's performance, the fact is New Yorkers are tough to satisfy. His predecessor, Michael Bloomberg, scored a comparable 49 percent in an August 2013 New York Times poll. While critics may wish otherwise, the oddsmakers concede that de Blasio's performance has been strong enough to merit him a second term and four more years tackling both local and national issues.



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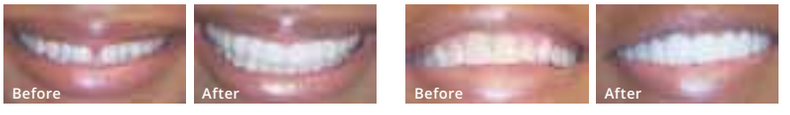

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A primer for Tuesday's primary election

From when you can vote to who's on the ballot, we've got you covered.

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Unhappy with the way New York City is being run? You'll get your first of two chances to vote for change during the primary election on Tuesday.

In this election, voters choose their party's nominees for the general election on Nov. 7.

This year's big-ticket race is for the mayor's office as several Democrats are looking to unseat incumbent Bill de Blasio, including his only debate foe, Sal Albanese, a lawyer and former member of the City Council. De Blasio has led both the polls and fundraising heading into the primary.

Additionally, the office of public advocate is also up for grabs, with David Eisenbach challenging incumbent Letitia James.

All 51 City Council seats are also up for election this year, and 10 of those seats do not have an incumbent.

Here's what you need to know about Tuesday's primary election.

When can I vote?

Polls open on Tuesday at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. As you can only vote at your designated polling station, you can find your poll site by visiting vote.nyc.ny.us or looking on your voter registration card.

Who's on the ballot for the 2017 NYC primary?

DEMOCRATIC MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Bill de Blasio (incumbent)

Over the past four years, the mayor expanded pre-K, ended stop-and-frisk and wants to fix the subway with a millionaires tax, which he told Metro is "something that can be acted on right away," though he urges Albany, which controls the MTA, to "take full responsibility."

Sal Albanese

Albanese represented Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, on the City Council from 1982 to 1997 and is currently a lawyer. He aims to reform the local political system, increase city funding for transit and "create individualized housing plans to serve the needs of each community, yet preserves its character," he told the Campaign Finance Board.

Richard Bashner

The attorney and Brooklyn Community Board member is running to provide a more transparent city government, and he aims to rollback de Blasio's "unbounded support of real estate development." He also would close Rikers Island "quickly."

Bob Gangi

The police reformer hopes to build "truly affordable housing built and managed by experienced neighborhood groups" and end "broken windows" policing.

Mike Tolkin

The tech entrepreneur plans to develop new policing tactics, including non-lethal containment efforts, create new modes of transportation and implement vocational training.

The Republican mayoral candidate, Assemblywoman *Nicole Malliotakis*, is running unopposed.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

Letitia James (incumbent)

James has banned salary history questions in job interviews, obtained healthy lunches for more than 10,000 kids daily and expanded the city's Worst Landlords List.

David Eisenbach

The history professor aims to end "pay-to-play corruption" and would call for a public hearing to support the Small Business and Jobs Survival Act to protect small businesses from predatory landlords.

BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Ruben Diaz Jr. (incumbent)

Under Diaz, the Bronx has welcomed roughly $13 billion in new development and seen more than 100,000 more residents entering the workforce.

Camella Pinkney-Price

The consultant and former Diaz aide, who dropped a discrimination lawsuit against him in 2015, plans to allocate more funding for the borough's public school system for resources and qualified teachers.

Avery Selkridge

Little is known about Selkridge, who according to his Facebook page is a Touro College graduate. He told Norwood News that he cares "about the people and the people need someone who is listening and willing to try to help."

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Because of previously scheduled events at Yankee Stadium, the Yankees and Rays will play each other at Citi Field. The series was moved from Florida due to Hurricane Irma. WIKIMEDIA

With Yankees vs. Rays moved to Citi Field, LIRR extends service

The three-game series was displaced from St. Petersburg, Florida, to the home of the Mets in Queens because of Hurricane Irma.

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With Hurricane Irma forcing the three-game series between the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Rays to be moved to Citi Field, the Long Island Rail Road extended service to the home of the Bronx Bombers' hometown rivals.

The Yankees and Rays faced off Monday at 7:10 p.m. and have games scheduled for Tuesday at 7:10 p.m. and Wednesday at 1:10 p.m.

For Tuesday's and Wednesday's games, the LIRR will run 22 eastbound trains from Penn Station to Mets-Willets Point. The first eastbound train leaves Penn at 3:18 p.m.

There will also be 21 westbound trains, the first of which will depart Port Washington at 3:10 p.m. for a 3:36 p.m. arrival at Mets-Willets Point.

The last eastbound train to Port Washington after the game will leave Willets Point at 12:39 a.m., while the last westbound train to Penn will depart at 1:11 a.m.

For Wednesday's game, there will be 16 eastbound trains to Willets Point, and the first leaves Penn at 9:19 a.m.

The first of 17 westbound trains from Port Washington will leave Great Neck at 9:32 a.m. All other trains will originate in Port Washington.

The last train to Port Washington will leave at 5:02 p.m., while the last Penn Station-bound train will leave Willets Point at 5:28 p.m.

Additionally, the MTA will offer its super-express 7 trains after the game, which make just six stops between Mets-Willets Point and Times Square-42nd Street.

Originally scheduled for the Rays' Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, the series was moved before Irma, which was downgraded to a tropical storm Monday, morning battered Florida over the weekend as it made two landfalls on Sunday.

Because of the move to Citi Field, the Yankees will now play 17 of their last 20 games of the season in their hometown, while the Rays will have a shorter trip to Boston, where they'll face the Red Sox this weekend.

"That's good for us. It's home for us, so we'll sleep in our own beds," Yankees manager Joe Girardi told The New York Times.

The series could not be held at Yankee Stadium to do previously scheduled events at the venue.

NEW YORK CITY

Ex-Platinum executive, NYC union chief to face fraud charges

A federal judge in Manhattan on Monday refused to dismiss fraud charges against a former Platinum Partners hedge fund executive and a former union leader for New York City prison guards who claimed their indictment was based on illegal wiretaps.

The defendants, Murray Huberfeld and Norman Seabrook, said the indictment was based improperly on phone calls involving Huberfeld that were overheard by law enforcement officers probing a separate fraud, involving high-level New York City police officials in an illegal liquor distribution scheme.

But the judge, Andrew Carter, said those officers were not required to ignore evidence of another crime in "plain view," even if it were unrelated to the fraud targeted by the wiretaps.

Prosecutors in June 2016 accused Seabrook, the former president of the Correction Officers' Benevolent Association, of investing $20 million of union money with Platinum in exchange for kickbacks from Huberfeld.

Both men have pleaded not guilty to charges of honest services fraud and conspiracy. Huberfeld sought to dismiss the indictment, and Seabrook later joined him.

Henry Mazurek, a lawyer for Huberfeld, said in an email: "While we respect the court's decision, the issues we presented in the pretrial motions will continue to be litigated at trial."

The separate fraud involved Hamlet Peralta, the former owner of the now-closed Hudson River Cafe in Harlem, who was sentenced on Friday to five years in prison after pleading guilty to running a $12 million Ponzi scheme.

Prosecutors said two of his investors, Jona Rechnitz and Jeremiah Reichberg, who both raised money for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's 2013 campaign, bribed senior police officers with luxury trips and other gifts in exchange for favors.

Rechnitz has pleaded guilty and is cooperating with prosecutors, while Reichberg has pleaded not guilty.

No charges were brought against de Blasio, and a related probe into his fundraising was closed in March. REUTERS

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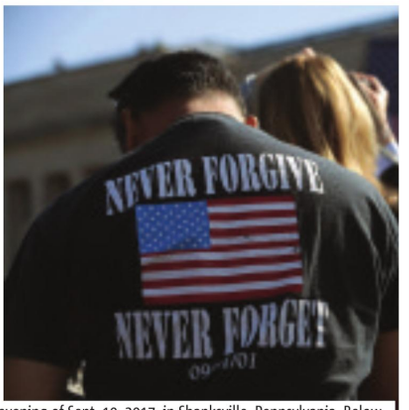

Above, a man at the Flight 93 National Memorial on the evening of Sept. 10, 2017, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Below left, family members arrive at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. Below right, a man bows his head at the Pentagon.

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‘Fox and Friends’ host equates victims of 9/11 with defenders of slavery

“Fox and Friends” came under fire on Monday after one of its hosts compared a 9/11 memorial to Confederate statues. IMAGE VIA FOX NEWS

Confederate statues and 9/11 memorials are all the same and could be treated equally, a Fox News commentator said on the 16th anniversary of 9/11. In an interview with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Monday, “Fox and Friends” co-host Brian Kilmeade suggested that the 9/11 memorial for the passengers of United Flight 93 could meet the same fate as a statue of a Confederate general, at the hands of future generations.

“Do you worry that 100 years from now someone is going to take that memorial down like they are trying remake our memorials today?” Kilmeade asked, referring recent removal of statues for Confederate military leaders like Robert E. Lee.

“I’m one that believes that we should learn from history and I think our monuments are part of our country’s history,” Zinke replied, echoing President Donald Trump’s public sentiments. “We can learn from it. Since we don’t put up statues of Jesus, everyone is going to fall morally short.

Zinke might have pulled a drunk uncle, because there are statues of Jesus on public lands — including in his home state of Montana, “Big Mountain Jesus.”

More provocative than the response was the question. The “Fox and Friends” host was skewered on social media for comparing people who seceded from the union and rebelled against the United States to civilians who died as victims of terrorism on Sept. 11, 2001.

Fox News declined to comment, CNN reported.

Former Hillary Clinton spokesman Jesse Ferguson tweeted that Fox needs to “apologize to families of Flight 93 for comparing their bravery to confederate generals who fought against our nation.”

At a rally in Phoenix last month, Trump, who has called statue removals “sad” and “foolish,” praised “Fox and Friends.”

“‘Fox and Friends’ in the morning is the best show and it’s the absolute most honest show and it’s a show I watch,” he said.

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EQUIFAX BREACH

Key US senators demand answers on Equifax hacking

Two U.S. senators on Monday asked Equifax Inc. to answer detailed questions about a breach of information affecting up to 143 million Americans, including whether U.S. government records were compromised in the hack.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, who chairs the Finance Committee, and ranking Democrat Ron Wyden demanded that Equifax Chief Executive Rick Smith provide a timeline of the breach. They asked for information on when authorities and the company’s board were notified and when three executives sold stock in the company in August.

Equifax did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the letter. It came amid mounting scrutiny of the company’s response to the breach from lawmakers, regulators and security experts, prompting the credit-monitoring services to issue an apology on Friday and pledge to dedicate more resources to helping affected consumers.

“The scope and scale of this breach appears to make it one of the largest on record, and the sensitivity of the information compromised may make it the most costly to taxpayers and consumers,” the letter said.

Equifax announced last week that it learned on July 29 that hackers had infiltrated its systems in mid-May, pilfering names, birthdays, addresses and Social Security and driver’s license numbers. Cybersecurity experts said it was among the largest data hacks ever recorded and was particularly troubling due to the richness of the information exposed.

Three days after Equifax discovered the breach, three top Equifax executives, including Chief Financial Officer John Gamble and a president of a unit, sold Equifax shares or exercised options to dispose of stock worth about $1.8 million, regulatory filings show.

Equifax said in a statement last week that the executives were not aware of the intrusion when they sold their shares.

Hatch and Wyden asked Smith to respond by Sept. 28. Other congressional committees have announced plans to hold hearings investigating the Equifax breach.

The senators want to know if Equifax has a chief information security officer and over the past two years “how many times has Equifax employed third-party cybersecurity experts to conduct penetration tests of its internal and external systems?”

Separately, a group of 20 Democratic senators asked Equifax to end its use of forced arbitration agreements, which limit the ability of consumers to pursue claims, and not to lobby to reverse a new rule from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to limit the use of forced arbitration in the financial services sector. REUTERS

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Expert says sex robots can kill you if they are hacked

If these robots can connect to computer networks, you might be in trouble.

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As technology continues to advance, sex robots are slowly becoming more popular in the adult entertainment industry.

While there are people who will drop thousands of dollars to gain pleasure from a sex robot, a cybersecurity expert warns that these same-sex robots could cause a lot of pain — and not the kind you may have been looking for.

According to a recent report, it is possible for hackers to gain full control of a sex robot and have it do more harm than good.

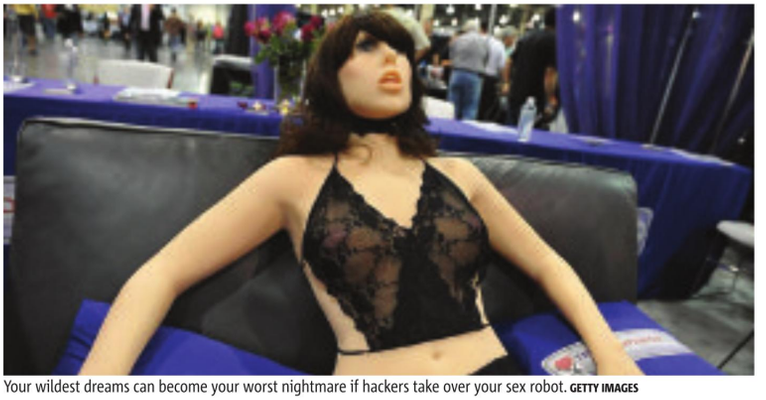
Dr. Nick Patterson, a cybersecurity expert and faculty member at Deakin University in Australia, told the Daily Star Online that sex dolls programmed with artificial intelligence could one day turn against their companion and possibly kill them if they are hacked into and could be easier than hacking into a computer or cellphone.

"Hackers can hack into a robot or a robotic device and have full control of the connections, arms, legs and other attached tools like knives or welding devices," he said. "Once a robot is hacked, the hacker has full control and can issue instructions to the robot," Patterson added.

When artificial intelligence was first introduced in robots and other computer applications, many people feared that the robot would somehow just turn evil on its own. The real threat here is not the AI turning bad, it is some savvy hacker taking over your sex-bot and catch you when you're most vulnerable. Something like this can happen if the sex robot is equipped with Wi-Fi or some type of network connection.

If you were ever interested in buying a sex robot you probably should exercise the same security precautions as you do with any computer or mobile device you own that connects to a network.

The last thing you want is your unprotected sex robot to catch you with your pants down.



Your wildest dreams can become your worst nightmare if hackers take over your sex robot. GETTY IMAGES

NORTH KOREA

UN Security Council votes to step up sanctions on North Korea

The United Nations Security Council unanimously stepped up sanctions against North Korea on Monday over the country's sixth and most powerful nuclear test on Sept. 3, imposing a ban on the country's textile exports and capping imports of crude oil.

It was the ninth sanctions resolution unanimously adopted by the 15-member council since 2006 over North Korea's ballistic missile and nuclear programs. The United States watered down an initial tougher draft resolution to win the support of China and Russia.

A week ago, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley called for the "strongest possible" sanctions on North Korea and had sought an oil embargo on Pyongyang.

On Monday, Haley said the United States was not looking for war with North Korea and that Pyongyang had "not yet passed the point of no return."

"If it agrees to stop its nuclear program, it can reclaim its future. If it proves it can live in peace, the world will live in peace with it," she told the Security Council after the council adopted the new sanctions.

Haley added that the latest resolution "would not have happened" without the strong relationship that had developed between President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

China's U.N. ambassador, Liu Jieyi, urged North Korea to "take seriously the expectations and will of the international community" and called on all parties to remain "cool-headed" and not stoke tensions. REUTERS

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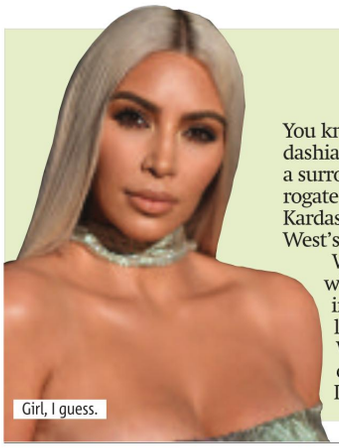
Girl, I guess.

Kim Kardashian wants privacy

You know how Kim Kardashian reportedly has a surrogate and that surrogate is pregnant with Kardashian and Kanye West's third child?

Well, Kardashian — who profits by sharing a version of her life on "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" and also Instagram — would like some privacy now, thank you very much.

On the red carpet for Harper Bazaar's "Icons by Carine Roitfeld" event, Kardashian addressed the news of her supposed surrogate to E! News. And she's mad, y'all!

"I've definitely seen a lot of things, we've never confirmed anything," she said. "So, I think when we're ready to talk about it we will, and I think it's super invasive. ... Like whatever. We have not confirmed it, and that's that. I'll let you know when we're ready." Damn, Kimmy!

So, you know, if we could all mind our business unless she tells us not to, that would be great. For her.

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Mindy Kaling is having a girl

First, Oprah let slip that Mindy Kaling was several months into her pregnancy. Now, one of her co-stars on "The Mindy Project" has revealed even bigger news: Kaling is having a girl!

Baby girl is having a baby girl.
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Ed Weeks, who plays the delightfully absurd Jeremy — really, this series is a cast of overtly sitcom-y characters — noted that having a girl is full circle for Kaling. "The show started as a tribute to her mother, who very sadly passed away just as the show is being picked up, and it ends with her having a daughter of her own. It's a lot," he explained. Aw. Now, I'm just wondering who is going to tell us who the father is. I don't even care that much, but it feels intensely personal that Kaling isn't telling us her private business, you know?

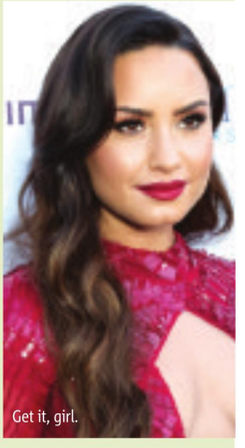
Does Demi Lovato have a new GF?

Looks like Demi Lovato — former child actress who is 1% African — has a new girlfriend. OK!

The "Sorry Not Sorry" singer was spotted at Disneyland holding hands with DJ/Producer/certified hottie Lauren Abedini. Naturally, some nosy person took photos of them galavanting around — holding hands and each others' butts — and posted them to Twitter.

Lovato has apparently alluded to her bisexuality in the past, saying, "I am not confirming and I'm definitely not denying. … I don't think there's anything wrong with experimentation at all." OK, girl. I see you!

Demi, if you ever listen to me, even if it's just this once, even though you don't know me and I don't have any bearing on your life whatsoever, I beg of you: Get it girl.


Get it, girl.

Will 'Preacher' ever live up to its potential?

We're looking back at season two after last night's finale.

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"Preacher" is at its best when it's amping up the tenacious bond that Jesse (Dominic Cooper, above), Tulip and Cassidy share. MICHELE K. SHORT/AMC/SONY PICTURES TELEVISION

From the very beginning, "Preacher" has teemed with potential. The AMC series, adapted from the popular comic book created by Garth Ennis and Steve Dillon, was brought to fruition by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg through sheer persistence. The pair behind hits like "Pineapple Express" and "This Is the End" had unsuccessfully pitched a "Preacher" adaptation after selling the screenplay for "Superbad." But that failure didn't manage to deter them.

"There were just a lot of iterations of it and we were always just very vocal, to our agent or whoever was around who would listen to us," Rogen said last year. "That it was something we were big fans of and that we thought we could do a good job of adapting in some way."

Well, the second season of "Preacher" — which also counts "Breaking Bad" alum Sam Catlin as a producer and showrunner — certainly proved enjoyable at times, good even. But the series is still woefully inconsistent. It never feels like it's living up to its best self. And it's a bummer.

"Preacher" is at its best when it's amping up the violence and the tenacious bond that Jesse (certified zaddy Dominic Cooper), Tulip (Ruth Negga) and ol' vampire Cass (Joseph Gilgun) share, honoring the graphic novel from whence it came — which itself is super brash and delightfully over the top. At its worst, the series is bogged down by convoluted plotlines or unintentionally murky motivations.

Cassidy (Joseph Gilgun) and Tulip (Ruth Negga). MICHELE K. SHORT/AMC/SONY PICTURES TELEVISION

Last night's finale, for example, had one or two too many bait and switches. Jesse was — then was not — being groomed as the new Messiah with a potential appearance on "Jimmy Kimmel" and a staged shoot out. The Saint of Killers' exit seemed too easy — was it part of Starr's plan all along? Sure seems like a lot of work for a little pay off. Tulip is dead, except she's probably not. And what in the actual f—k is going on with Eugene and Hitler?

The finale was admittedly as funny as the series has been in a few episodes — nobody can be as tender and aloof as Cass when he's smoking crack in the afternoon — and it capped off a disjointed season as satisfyingly as it could. Yet it still managed to leave our protagonists in a somewhat predictable place. (Like seriously, y'all. Tulip ain't dead.)

The sophomore season was a lot more self-serious at times and by the end, it was less about the adventures the trio has, and more about the machinations of their relationships with each other. In the second half of the season, it's unclear why Cass and Tulip even hang with Jesse in the first place — he's got great hair, but he's essentially a selfish f—kboi. And it's a shame: Watching these characters crackle off of each other is one of the best parts of the series. When they're having fun, the audience is, too. Frankly, it would be enough for me to watch Cooper, Negga and Gilgun chat in a room for an hour, but I suppose that doesn't qualify as prime-time television.

All in all, it still seems like the supernatural Western can't quite figure out what it wants to be — but two seasons should have been plenty of time for "Preacher" to find its footing. Here's hoping the series gets a third season — and maybe it'll finally get out of its own way.

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The 'Insecure' finale was hella messy

Well, at least Issa (Issa Rae) and Molly (Yvonne Orji) still have each other. JUSTINA MINTZ/HBO

The last episode of a standout season reminds us that these characters are flawed AF.

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Sunday night's finale of "Insecure" was just fine. But among the fantasies of married life and being able to choose stability over passion, the last episode of the much-improved second season established, once again, that these characters are flawed AF. Sure, we can root for Issa or Molly — or Lawrence, for that matter. But they're going to continue to be messy. And they're going to messy for a good, long time.

In honor of the finale, we're asking five major questions about the finale: Who, what, when, where and why? You know, like in grade school.

Who does Issa think she is?
OK, but really — in her mind she's fantasizing about the simple life with Lawrence, a life with their couch, a wedding, gratuitous shots of his tush and a dang baby. But in real life? She's crashing with Daniel. This cannot go well. Who is Issa, really? And what does she want? It's pretty clear she has no idea.

What is Daniel's deal?
Speaking of, he should know better than to take in Issa at this point after her countless aggressions. Pining after someone is perfectly normal, but Issa has kind of been the worst to him. What is his motivation for rewarding her consistently horrible, selfish behavior?

When is Molly going to learn?
Molly has always been fixated on what her relationships look like, as opposed to whether or not they nurture her emotionally. It's a mess! She finally finds a guy who likes her and supports her — but she's kind of over him because he has a "pastor body." Thing is, nobody is perfect — she opts for Dro, who is gargantuan, heightwise, and oh, also has a wife. Which is basically as emotionally unavailable as you can get, traditionally.

Where was Tiffany during the finale of "Due North?"
"Due North" — the fake show within the show that was essentially a comedic soap opera about slavery — was one of the best parts of this season of "Insecure." But Tiffany, the sole married member

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Lawrence (Jay Ellis) is still troubled, also still very beautiful.
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of Issa's crew, was mysteriously missing. The finale revealed she's pregnant, but it feels like there's something shady going on — and her relationship with her husband looks picture-perfect on the outside, but it would be unsurprising if it was less perfect from the inside.

Also who misses the "Due North" finale? Some sort of monster?

***Why* was Lawrence wearing a turtleneck, while Issa was wearing a (very cute) strappy number?**
As a longtime resident of New York, perhaps I just don't understand Los Angeles weather patterns. Was this just an excuse to make Lawrence look like Carl Thomas, circa his 2000 release of "Emotional"? Because it worked. Lawrence looked great. Issa looked great too, but these two are not only on two different levels mentally, but they're also on two separate hemispheres.

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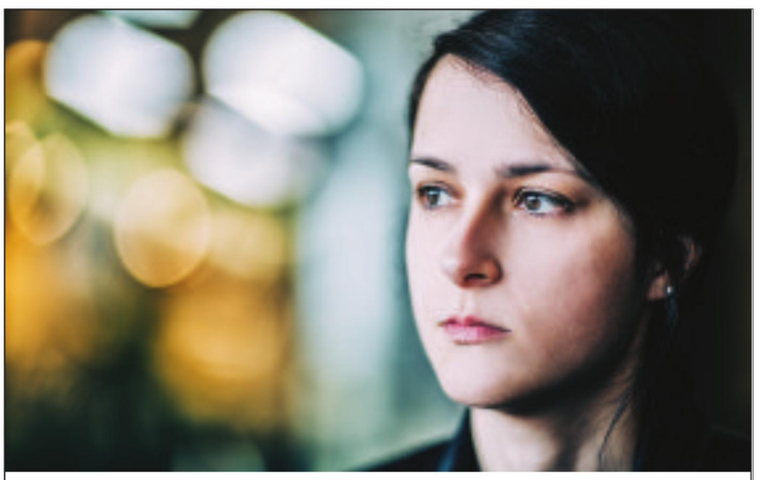

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Maggie Gyllenhaal: Trump means 'The Deuce' is more vital than ever

Chatting with the stars of HBO's latest effort on misogyny, 45 and sex work.

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Watching Maggie Gyllenhaal talk about "The Deuce," you can instantly sense the fire that made her eager to tell the story of sex workers in Times Square — a bygone era. So eager that she requested a producing credit.

"We are making a piece about pornography and about a marginalized group in our culture," Gyllenhaal said at the New York premiere for the HBO series. "Do we not tell their story? Is it better to just push it under a rock? No! It's better to respectfully, honestly, truthfully explore this group of people that I don't think very often have been honestly portrayed in TV and film."

The series, airing Sunday nights at 9 p.m. on HBO, tackles the legalization and subsequent rise of pornography in 1970s and '80s era New York City. And Gyllenhaal — who plays a prostitute named Candy with a high level of business acumen — believes "The Deuce" has come at the right time, especially in respect to the current political climate.

"It's a really interesting time to be looking at our relationship to sex, power and our ability to make money and be thinking members of our culture," she said. "Now [that Trump] has been elected and there is a misogynist in office, I think it's an amazing time to be putting a project out that is an exploration of misogyny."

James Franco — who portrays twin brothers Vincent and Frankie Martino and is an executive producer of the series — echoed Gyllenhaal's thoughts. And he's hoping that the new series help people understand the roots of misogyny.

"One of the main things is that it is a very multicolored, multilayered portrait of an industry where misogyny is deeply, deeply rooted," Franco remarked. "Hopefully it will change attitudes and make people more sympathetic. This show has all the right intentions and you couldn't ask for a better group to approach it head on."

"The Deuce" indeed has a terrific ensemble, which can be accredited to creator David Simon, a storied writer who has drawn widespread acclaim for the likes of "The Wire," "Generation Kill," "Treme" and "Show Me a Hero." But while the cast trusted Simon and his co-creator, George Pelecanos, to create scripts that richly evoked the 1970s — while still being relevant to the present day — the pair knew it was important to get a perspective outside their own, too.

"It was essential that we had a female director to set the template," Simon explained at the premiere. "This couldn't be the boy's version. In the writer's room, directors, department heads, everyone needed to be empowered. If this was the guy's version of sex work, it would have been a disaster in the

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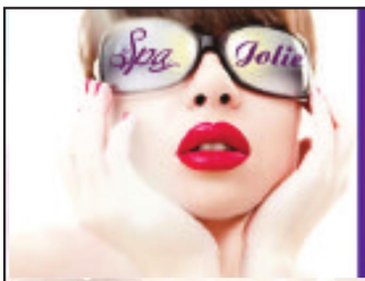
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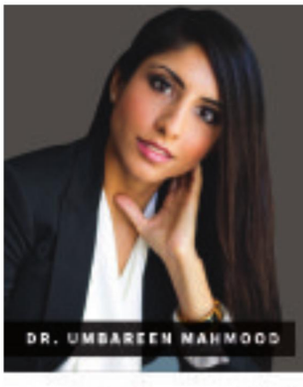
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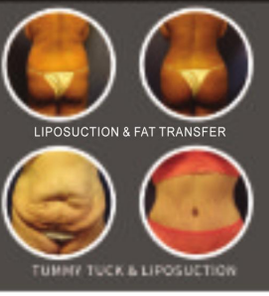
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making."

The team ended up tapping Michelle MacLaren — whose directing credits include episodes of "The Walking Dead," "Game of Thrones" and "Westworld" — to bring the Times Square of old to life. Her main concern? Creating an authentic world that was less about sex and more about business. "It was important to me that we weren't gratuitous or salacious, and that we were authentic and raw and real," she said at the premiere. "And that was exactly what was important to David and George, as well."

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Can keeping a plant on your desk at work help you have a better day? If you turn your apartment into a "house jungle," per the recent Washington Post trend piece on plant-loving millennials, will it improve your mental health or just makeover your Instagram feed? Studies have shown that spending time in nature can soothe the mind, but what is the effect of bringing nature to you?

Matthew J. Wichrowski is a senior horticultural therapist at the Rusk Rehabilitation Center at NYU Langone Medical Center. Every day, he uses plants and planting exercises to help rehabilitate patient suffering from mental and physical disabilities.

Wichrowski works out of the center's plant room, where patients stop in for hour-long sessions in "plant and sensory exploration." (There are also therapy bunnies!) For those who can't leave their ward, such as epilepsy and psychiatric patients, Wichrowski wheels a cart of plants to them.

In a typical session, "we explore the sensory aspect, touch and feel, describe the leaves, the colors and flowers, fragrance, and talk about how to use them," Wichrowski explains.

Wichrowski notes that spending time in a biophilic environment has psychological benefits, including improving one's mood and decreasing stress. He describes something called "attention restoration theory," the idea that concentrating on nature can give us a sort of mental vacation and improve our ability to focus afterwards — in effect, restoring our attention.

There are physical benefits, as well. A 2005 study, which Wichrowski co-authored, published in the Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation, found that horticultural therapy sessions led to a reduced heart rate in cardiac-rehabilitation inpatients.

There's also the psychological effect of caring for a living thing. At the end of each session, the patient selects a plant to repot and tend to him or herself, which fosters a sense of personal accomplishment and wellbeing,

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says Wichrowski.

Eliza Blank, the founder of The Sill, a plant room and delivery service in Manhattan, agrees that "surrounding yourself with plants is one of the most uplifting things you can do when it comes to your day-to-day emotional well-being," as she puts it.

"There's something to be said just for taking care of something, the relationship that you have. The plant depends on you for survival."

Plants can also detoxify indoor spaces, removing carcinogens in building materials and carpeting, such as formaldehyde, ammonia and benzene. The most well-known research into this is the 1989 NASA Clean Air Study, which studied which plants most effectively filtered the air in space stations.

If you're a newbie to the plant world, here are Blank's suggestions for easy-to-care-for shrubs to get started with.

For low lighting

ZZ Plant: "It can basically tolerate all light levels," from a stairwell to a dark corner of your apartment, Blank explains.

Snake Plant: Also known as mother-in-law's-tongue, the evergreen perennial thrives in low lighting and requires minimal watering.

Blank notes that because both the ZZ and the Snake Plant grow vertically, they function well as space savers, ideal for a small apartment or at your desk.

For medium light

Blank fancies a purplish, waxy **rubber tree.** "It has a little bit of color, it's a vertical grower, I water it once a week and it has beautiful thick, glossy leaves," she says.

If you have pets and need to keep your plants up high, she suggests hanging plants such as **philodendrons** or **spider plants.**

For bright light

If you are lucky to have bright light in your home or office, go for **succulents,** which don't require much water.

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Hundreds of arthritis sufferers from tri-state area calling weekly

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the ***NY Pain MD*** in New York City. *"The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at **NY Pain MD** because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments many clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

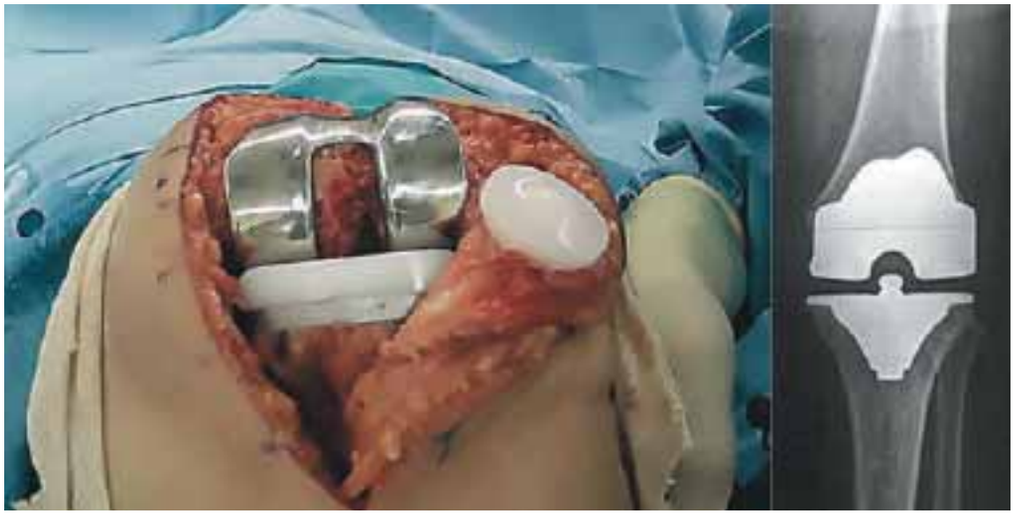
"That depends," said the director. *"There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day,"* added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology.*

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplecosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at ***NY Pain MD*** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targetin*g during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.)can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.

Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint

Everyone Wants Proof:

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.

Knee With Painful Arthritis

Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs,swelling and a lot of pain.

Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging

Failed Treatment -

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you

Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Join Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology

Succesful Treatment -

Sucessful Treatment - Lubrication Medicine (blue) being precisely injected directly into the knee joint using digital imaging. Advance imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Lubrication medicine can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.

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That's when their specially trained-doctors added cutting-edge arthritis treatments to their already successful comphrensive knee pain relief program.

Viscosupplementation is unique because - even-though it is manufactured by a pharmaceutical company, it is NOT considered a drug because it is a natural substance with an incredible story.

Why So Many Want It

You see, when you suffer with arthritis - the lubricat-ing fluid (synovial fluid) in your knee joint dries up.

This means instead of gliding smoothly - your bones start to rub and grind against each other.

This causes a little pain in the beginning - but over time the pain steadily gets worse until it is excruciat-ing.

Like "Joint Oil"

Viscosupplementation works so well because it is like 'joint oil." It is a natural substance that contains one of the natural building blocks of the synovial fluid that lubricates your knee.

Scientists and researchers discovered this natural building block to synovial fluid in the rooster's comb - that big red thing on top of the roosters head. It is extracted from the roosters comb, purified and concentrated. They have also developed medical lubricants that are also natural but made a bit like yogurt and "cultured" into highly effective arthritis pain-fighting medical lubricants.

When introduced directly into your knee joint, it is like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge.

Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

No. Glucosamine and chondroitin and other supplements are much different. You can only get this from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

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Who's hot, who's not in New York football after Week 1

With both the Jets and Giants losing on Sunday, there's a lot to improve on.

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There certainly have been better opening weekends for both the New York Giants and New York Jets.

Both area teams went down in Week 1. The Jets hung tough with the Bills in a 21-12 loss while the Giants offense was putrid in Dallas during a 19-3 decision.

While the negatives obviously outweighed the positives for both teams, we tried to take a look at those trending upward and those heading in the other direction after opening day:

HOT: JERMAINE KEARSE

Jermaine Kearse hasn't had much time to acclimate to life on the Jets. Coming over from the Seattle Seahawks in the Sheldon Richardson trade, the wide receiver is currently experiencing a dramatic change in culture going from a Super Bowl contender to one of the worst teams in the league.

But Kearse had a solid debut for the Jets on Sunday, catching seven of nine targets on the afternoon for 59 yards.

For a team in need of a No. 1 receiver, Kearse looks like he can be exactly that, though he will be working out of the slot or underneath.

NOT: JETS GAMEPLAN

Within an offense that lacks any sort of tangible threat, the Jets' ground game of Matt Forte and Bilal Powell was expected to see plenty of the ball and at times, carry the unit this season.

That didn't happen on Sunday.

Instead, veteran quarterback Josh McCown threw the ball 39 times, a majority of those attempts coming in short-yardage form as he only amassed 187 yards.

Powell and Forte, though, were total nonfactors as they combined for just 13 rushing attempts. Powell had 22 yards while Forte put up 16.

If you're relying on McCown to win you football games, 2017 is going to be even worse than what was originally expected.

NOT: GIANTS OFFENSIVE LINE

You could have Jerry Rice and Lance Alworth as your starting wide receivers and it wouldn't mean a thing if the quarterback doesn't have time to get the ball out of his hands.

For Eli Manning, a deep receiving group minus Odell Beckham Jr., who was a late scratch, could not be taken advantage of as the Giants quarterback was constantly disturbed by the Cowboys pass rush.

Manning was sacked three times on the night and hurried countless others, all but eliminating the Giants' downfield offense.

Brandon Marshall was targeted just four times, catching one for 10 yards.

Meanwhile, the running game of Paul Perkins and Orleans Darkwa couldn't do a thing. They compiled just 30 total yards on the ground as they weren't given much real estate to run toward.

HOT: B.J. GOODSON

If there were any concerns that B.J. Goodson didn't possess starting qualities in the NFL, the second-year linebacker disproved that in Dallas.

The Clemson product, who appeared in 15 games last year and had just two total tackles, was everywhere on the field during Week 1, racking up 18 combined tackles to lead all defensive players.

Even more impressively, he 73 of 74 snaps on a defense that was left out to dry for most of the night.

While the Cowboys did record almost 400 total yards of offense, the defense was anything but the problem.

Dallas held possession for almost 34 minutes on Sunday night and were held to just three points in the second half.

The Giants on the other hand had just 25 minutes of possession and recorded two first downs in the first half.

It kept the defense and Goodson plenty busy throughout the night, which made his first-ever start in the NFL that much more impressive.

SANDY NEEDS TO BE AGGRESSIVE THIS WINTER IF METS WANT TO CONTEND

OPINION

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One thing you have to give Mets general manager Sandy Alderson credit for is that he has been pretty accessible to the media as he's made it customary to meet with them and answer questions during the first series of a home stand.

He did that very same thing last Tuesday as the Mets were taking on the Phillies at Citi Field.

When Alderson met with the media, he said "the fact that we have so many dollars coming off the books we recognize and a good percentage of that, at this point undermined, certainly will be reinvested in the payroll. But I can't give you a specific number."

As the Mets try to put 2017 in their rearview mirror as quickly as possible with the ushering in of youngsters like Dom Smith and Amed Rosario, they look to reset the team in the offseason with the hopes of punching their ticket to the postseason just as they did in 2015 and 2016.

Maybe it was just to temper the expectations of the fan base or maybe it was just a dose of reality, but I don't understand why Alderson would not commit to spending just as much in 2018 as he did in 2017.

He would have been better off not saying anything instead of saying what he did. The Mets have $70 million off the books next year and they spent a tad over $155 million in payroll this season.

Does spending money necessarily mean that you are going to win baseball games or even a World Series? No, there is no direct correlation between the two as you can clearly spend money and still might not build a championship-caliber team.

Mets GM Sandy Alderson has his work cut out for him this winter. GETTY IMAGES

It does make life a little bit easier and it allows you to cover up mistakes and baseball decisions that a front office will make.

However, for the Mets, when you have very little in terms of solutions coming from the minor leagues that we have not already seen on the major league level, that is where the problem lies.

They need to find a solution at third base as David Wright will now be rehabbing from yet another surgery, this time for a torn rotator cuff in his throwing shoulder. They also need to add a significant piece in the outfield as Michael Conforto will undergo surgery for a torn posterior capsule in his left shoulder and will be out for the next six months, putting the start of his 2018 season in doubt.

If this is really just a pause and not a rebuild as Alderson stated in late July when he started trading away his veteran pieces to contending teams, then the Mets will need to address multiple positional concerns during the off season.

I don't think the conversation about what you will and will not spend is all that productive at this point in time. With the Yankees rebuild taking very little time as they established themselves as a playoff contender for the foreseeable future, the Mets have to attack in the offseason and not to preach patience.

It is good that Alderson plans to put a "competitive" team on the field. It is time to do one better and try to field one that can bring a championship back to Queens for the first time since 1986.

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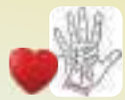

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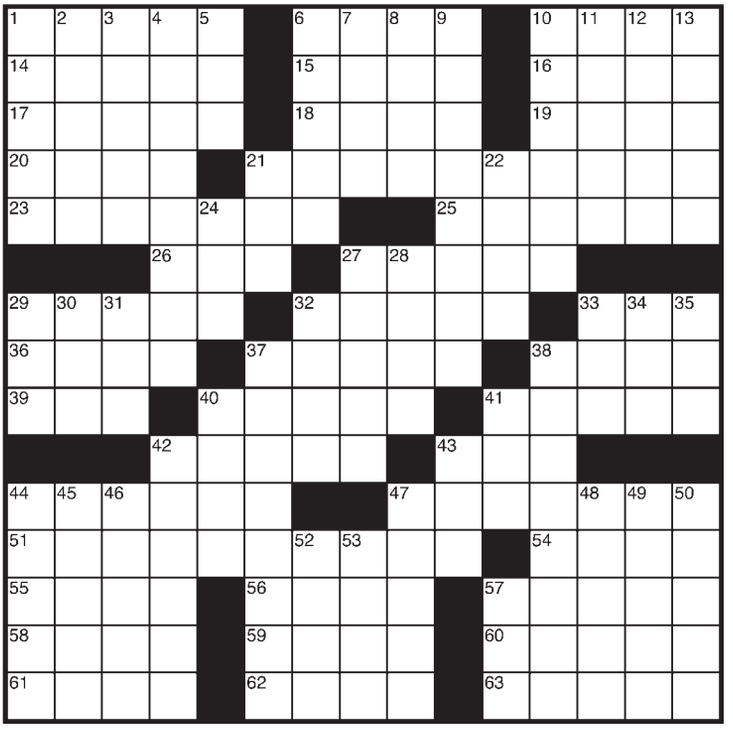

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Aries Personal matters concerning parents, siblings or friends will slow you down. Offer patience and compassion. Anger will not alleviate pressing matters. Do your best.

Taurus Don't trust someone who has let you down in the past. Picking a fight will not help you resolve issues. Stick to people you know you can count on.

Gemini Stay close to home and nurture personal relationships. Implement changes that add to your appeal. Getting along with others is in your best interest.

Cancer Rumors will roll if you divulge secrets. Respect others and demand the same in return. Avoid getting angry by not putting yourself in a precarious position to start.

Leo Don't give in to someone who wants something that belongs to you or who uses emotional manipulation for monetary gain. Arguing is a waste of time. Say no.

Virgo Emotions will be difficult to control when dealing with children, siblings or a friend who has let you down. Honesty and compassion will lead you to happiness.

Libra You'll learn from the experiences you have. Get involved in an event. Volunteer your time and energy. A physical challenge will do you good. Romance is on the rise.

Scorpio Use your intuition when dealing with investments or joint ventures. Refuse to give in to someone's charm or salesmanship. Go it alone if you have doubts. Do things your way.

Sagittarius Partnerships will undergo an adjustment. Discussions will be necessary and could cause some anger and disagreements, but in the end, you'll come up with a plan.

Capricorn Getting involved in a joint venture or a risky investment is best avoided. A personal commitment will bring you closer to someone you love.

Aquarius Think before you speak. Don't take on so much that you won't have time to spend with the people in your life who need you the most. Romance will do you good.`

Pisces Partnerships will suffer if either party is not honest about how they feel and what's going on. Don't neglect to address issues that are bound to escalate. EUGENIA LAST

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